(d) if so, the detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes Sir. Banarasi saree industry has been adversely affected due to import of cheap Chinese fabric imported from China.

(b) There is no specific information available with Government about the various incentives provided to the silk manufacturers and exporters in China. However, investigation by the Director General of Antidumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) has revealed that China is exporting silk fabrics into India below their normal value leading to dumping.

(c) and (d) Anti-dumping duty on raw silk is imposed only on medium and low quality silk of the grade 2 A and below. Grades above 2 A which constitute high quality silk, are not subjected to anti-dumping duty. Raw silk produced from domestic industry is also available to the powerloom silk industry in Varanasi at a price similar to the Chinese silk price or slightly lower price. Therefore imposition of anti dumping duty has not adversely affected Banarasi Saree Industry. Power-loom silk weavers Associations of Karnataka, U.P. & Gujarat, along-with CSB have approached and filed a petition with the Govt. of India (DGAD) to curb the import of cheap Chinese silk facbrics in to the Country. The DGAD, after the investigations has recommended imposition of provisional anti-dumping duty by issuing Gazette notification on 28th April, 2006 pending final findings on silk fabric of weight 20-100 gms. Per metre imported from china, which has helped the power-loom industry.

Switch over of Handlooms to Powerlooms

2872. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of powerloom units in Tamil Nadu that availed TUFs loan since its launching, year-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government are proposing to launch any special scheme for the State of Tamil Nadu, to help small weavers to switch over from handlooms to powerlooms due to very large number of handloom in that State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The number of powerloom units of Tamil Nadu that have availed TUFS loan since its launching, year wise is as under:—

Year	Applications sanctioned	
	Under the 5% Interest Reimbursement & 15% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Schemes	Under the 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme
1999-2003	42	**
2003-04	8	0
2004-05	13	10
2005-06	10	19
2006-07	16	19
	(1st of April to 30th of June)	(As on 17.08.2006)
TOTAL:	89	48

** The Scheme was not in operation at that time. It was introduced in September 2003.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal of the Union Government to launch any special scheme for the State of Tamilnadu to help small weavers to switch over from handlooms to powerlooms. The existing policy of the Government is to promote both the sectors. However, the above Schemes do not debar any handloom owner to switch over to powerlooms.

Export of textile products

2873. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Miniter of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports and imports pertaining to textiles during the last three years showing the foreign exchanges involved;

(b) the steps taken to curtail imports of textiles; and

(c) the facilities/assistance provided for exporting textile products?